

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, UR, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET BAN ON MATZOH IMPORTS BY MAIL

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 2873, (B) MOSCOW 2556, (C) STATE 039910

1. E/C COUNSELOR HAS RECEIVED A LETTER DATED MARCH 2 FROM  
E. MOTIN, CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY  
OF COMMUNICATIONS, IN RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER DATED FEBRUARY  
24 INQUIRING WHETHER THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BAN ON IMPORTATION  
BY MAIL OF BREAD PRODUCTS INTO THE USSR INCLUDED MATZOH, REFTEL  
B. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF  
FEBRUARY 24, 1977, I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD TO YOU THE  
ATTACHED COPY OF THE CIRCULAR DATED JANUARY 17, 1977, OF THE  
UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION ON THE  
IMPORTATION INTO THE USSR THROUGH THE MAIL OF FLOUR-BASED  
FOOD PRODUCTS (MUCHNYKH PISHCHEVYKH PRODUKTOV). THIS PRO-  
HIBITION APPLIES TO ALL TYPES OF FLOUR-BASED PRODUCTS WITHOUT  
EXCEPTION. END TEXT.

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3. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF  
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US IN REACTION TO THE NEW PROHIBITION.  
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## Message Attributes

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